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Region VIII  
Office of Enforcement, Compliance  
and Environmental Justice  
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RE: Soil sampling and analysis contractors; Apex Site

Dear Ms. Pearson:

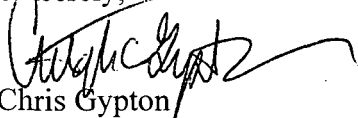
For your records, Hecla Mining Company has retained the following firms to assist us in the implementation of the workplan:

1. RC Exploration Drilling, Inc., Ft Duchesne, Utah – geotechnical drilling
2. Strata, Inc., Spokane, Washington – geotechnical testing
3. Doug Gibbs, P.E., Ft Collins, Colorado – site technical representative

Per our earlier discussions, our schedule has the drilling contractor on site by early afternoon, October 1<sup>st</sup>, with the first bore hole to be started on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Barring inclement weather, the sampling program should be complete by the end of Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at (208) 769-4135 or e-mail at [cgypton@hecla-mining.com](mailto:cgypton@hecla-mining.com)

Sincerely,

  
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